Dolphin subscribers

179. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the current base of subscribers for Dolphin service of MTNL;

(b) the number of subscribers added as a result of promotion schemes launched during one year; and

(c) the steps Government are taking to add more facilities for these subscribers *vis-a-vis* service rendered by private operators ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE ' MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN) : (a) and (c) The information regarding the current base of subscribers for Dolphin services of MTNL and the number of subscribers added as a result of promotion schemes launched during one year is given in the enclosed Statement. *(See* below)

(c) Besides the normally used value added services common to most cellular services, further features like Directory Enquiry and outstanding bill of fixed line are only available on MTNL Cellular Mobile services. Other value added services are being added as per need and technological support available.

Statement

Information regarding current base of Dolphin subscribers

	Delhi	Mumbai
Post-paid (Dolphin)	67,103	1,00,176
Pre-paid (TRUMP)	23,862	9,760
TOTAL	90,965	1,09,936

Information regarding number of Dolphin subscribers added as a result of promotion schemes launched during one year

Delhi		Mumbai	
Scheme period	No. of Subscriber	Scheme period	No. of Subscriber
30-08-01 to 22-09-01	10371	23-07-01 to 04-08-01	6614
15-11-01 to 10-12-01	21722	08-10-01 to 31-10-01	15446
08-03-02 to 28-03-02	24743	13-11-01 to 10-12-01	33664
		08-03-02 to 28-03-02	15655
TOTAL	56836		71359

Roaming services for Dolphin subscribers

180. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRA1AH : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state :

(a) Whether it is a fact the subscribers for Dolpliin service are not provided with roaming services, till they opt for STD/ISD service, if so. the reasons therefor;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the denial of roaming services to Dolphin subscribers without STD places them at a disadvantage *vis-a-vis* the facilities given by private operators, and

(c) if so. the steps Government propose to take in this regard ?